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SUBJ: AGENDA FOR JUNE 6 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL

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(E) BRUSSELS 10452 (F) BRUSSELS 10576
(G) BRUSSELS 8670 (H) BRUSSELS 8616 (I) BRUSSELS 6074
(J) BRUSSELS 10679 (ALL REFERENCES NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO COUNCIL AND PERMREP SOURCES, FOLLOWING
IS THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 6 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL:

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(A) PORTUGAL:

THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE COMMISSION'S FORMAL OPINION
ON PORTUGAL'S APPLICATION FOR EC MEMBERSHIP (REF A). AT
BRITISH REQUEST, THE COUNCIL MAY ALSO DISCUSS THE EC/
PORTUGAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT (SEE SEPTTEL).

(B) YUGOSLAVIA:

THE COUNCIL IS TO REVIEW THE CURRENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW EC/YUGOSLAV COOPERATION AGREEMENT (REFS B AND C).

(C) MTN:

THE EC COMMISSION IS TO PRESENT A STATUS REPORT ON THE MTN; NO DECISIONS ARE EXPECTED.

(D) LOME II:

THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER COMMUNITY POSITIONS FOR THE OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS IN JULY ON RENEWAL OF THE LOME CONVENTION (REFS D AND E).

(E) STEEL:

EC COMMISSIONER DAVIGNON IS TO DELIVER AN ORAL REPORT ON THE EC'S INTERNAL STEEL MARKET SITUATION, INCLUDING THE MOST RECENT FINES IMPOSED ON COMMUNITY STEEL PRODUCERS (REF F). HE WILL ALSO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THIRD COUNTRY STEEL NEGOTIATIONS.

(F) INDUSTRIAL POLICY:

THE COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO HOLD A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS IN THE EC INDUSTRIAL SECTOR. IN THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTEXT, THE GERMANS ARE EXPECTED TO REPEAT THEIR CONCERN (REF G) OVER PROTECTIONISM AND THE NEED FOR MARKET DISCIPLINE IN INDUSTRIAL POLICY.

(G) PREPARATIONS FOR JULY SUMMITS:

THE MINISTERS ARE TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF WORK BY THE SPECIALIZED EC COUNCIL BODIES (E.G., FINANCE AND ENERGY) IN PREPARATION FOR THE JULY 6-7 EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN BREMEN AND THE WESTERN ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN BONN.

(H) EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS:

THE COUNCIL WILL TAKE NOTE OF THE STATUS OF MEMBER STATE LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS.

(I) RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA:

THE COUNCIL IS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION BEGUN AT ITS MAY 2 SESSION ON EC/AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS (REF H).

(J) REGIONAL POLICY:

THE MINISTERS ARE TO DISCUSS RULES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR

THE NEW EC REGIONAL FUND (REF I). NO CONCLUSIONS ARE
EXPECTED.

(K) EC/CEMA NEGOTIATIONS:

COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAUSERKAMP IS TO REPORT ON THE
OUTCOME OF MAY 29-30 EC/CEMA TALKS IN MOSCOW (REF J).
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